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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: AMERICAN PROFESSOR MEETS WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR  
SOLODOVNIKOV

1. VISITING AMERICAN PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT MIT  
DR. WILLIAM GRIFFITH MET AUGUST 12 WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO  
ZAMBIA DR. V. G. SOLODOVNIKOV AT THE USSR EMBASSY. HE WAS  
ACCOMPANIED BY EUROPEAN EDITOR OF THE READER'S DIGEST, JOHN  
PANITSA, AND THE PAO. THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND LASTED ONE  
HOUR. WHEN GRIFFITH ASKED WHAT THE U.S. SHOULD DO ABOUT  
RHODESIA, SOLODOVNIKOV REPLIED, "BACK THE PROGRESSIVE  
FORCES AND STOP ENCOURAGING THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT." HE  
ADDED THAT HE FELT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE THE  
ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO GET A SETTLEMENT. HE  
DID NOT INDICATE THE KIND OF CHANGE THAT WOULD BE NEEDED.

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2. ON NAMIBIA, HE TOLD GRIFFITH THAT SWAPO AND THE SOVIET  
UNION ARE CONVINCED THAT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE PROCEEDED  
WITH THEIR PLAN ONLY BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE SWAPO WILL NOT WIN  
THE UN SUPERVISED ELECTION. WHEN SWAPO WINS, THE WEST WILL  
DROP ITS PLAN AND OPENLY BACK SOUTH AFRICAN INTERESTS IN THE  
TERRITORY. ALL THIS WOULD BE DONE, HE SAID, "TO PROTECT  
WESTERN ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN NAMIBIA." CLINGERMAN

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